GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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INCREASE IN LICENCE FEE .
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of Catering/ Vending /Bookstall contractors have obtained stay orders from different courts of law on each Zonal Railways against the decision of enhancement of the licence fee/royalty etc.; and

(b) if so, the details thereof on each zonal railways, Station-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. With a view to rationalise the licence fee for catering/vending licences, Railways had revised the licence fee w.e.f. 1.7.1999. The Indian Railway Caterers Association fileda Writ Petition in the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala inthe month of January 2000 and obtained a stay order against implementation of the revised licence fee. Few catering/vending licencees over the zonal railways have also filed Writ Petitions in various Courts oflaw and obtained stay orders. However, considering the Railway's point the Hon'ble High Courts ofMumbai, Jabalpurand Kerala have vacated the stay orders and upheld the decision taken by the Ministry of Railways in this regard. Station-wise details of court cases are not available ascases are filed jointly by Associations of catering/vending licencees as well as by individual licencees operating pantry cars and static units at stations.